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In re the Application of

Masashi OTA et al.

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MONITORING THE STATUS OF
MANUFACTURING PRODUCTS

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- ☒ 2. Relevance of the non-English language references is discussed in the present specification.

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